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Applicant:

John Dash

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Low Temperature Nuclear Fusion

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Examiner:

Richardo J. Palabrica ( aka Rick Palabrica)

Request For Information As To The Status Of The Application

Hon. Commissioner

P.O. Box 1450

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You are requested to inform the undersigned Applicant as to the status of the above identified application. This request is being submitted in writing since prior attempts to obtain this information have been unsuccessful.

On three different occasions the Applicant has attempted to reach the Examiner handling this application by phone. An attempt was made to contact him for this information since he is directly concerned with the prosecution of this case and since it is believed that his supervisor would not be familiar with the rather unusual prosecution history of the application. As a part of each such attempt a call back message was left for the Examiner. No response has been 5-2-2008 received from him or anyone else.

This request is being filed since there is a remote possibility that the

9D 5-2-08 Examiner may have the view that this application is abandoned even though the Applicant has filed nothing indicating any intent to abandon the case and even though the last response filed by the Applicant contained a response complying with the dubious second election of species which was then outstanding at the time of the response. In connection with this last it is noted that the last document filed clearly indicated that it was a response to the required election. That the Examiner may have believed otherwise is possible, particularly in view of the history of this application and in view of to the fact that the last Office communication did not set forth any period for reply.

It was and is believed that the most effective way for the status of this application to be clarified was for a clear, direct statement on behalf of the Office as to its status and indicating when action can be expected relative to it. Because of this history of this application it is now believed that such a statement should be of record in connection with this application. This is requested. This is being sent in duplicate to the Office in case the Examiner considers that a formal statement in the file of the application is not appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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John Dash, Applicant, on behalf of himself and

the Assignee of the noted application,